ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

June 16, 1969

JUNE

G. C. Moore

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, the facts concerning the telephone surveillance of the residence of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., are being furnished the President by the attached letter.

In view of the interest of the Vice President in urban affairs, it is felt this information would also be of interest to the Vice President and a letter to him is attached. The information in these letters has also been furnished the Attorney General.

ACTION:

That attached letters concerning the telephone surveillance on Martin Luther King, Jr. be furnished the President and the Vice President. This mail should be returned to Mr. DeLoach's office for delivery.

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1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. J. H. Gale
Attn: Mr. Devlin
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
Attn: Mr. Rozanus
1 - Mr. Patterson in

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The President

the feasibility of such coverage would be determined and an appropriate recommendation would be submitted to him.

On July 25, 1963, Mr. Kennedy changed his mind concerning his request and thought it ill-advised at that time, but on October 7, 1963, a request for authority to place a telephone surveillance on King's residence was sent to Mr. Kennedy. On October 10, 1963, he authorized this surveillance, and a surveillance on any future residence of King, by his written signature.

This telephone surveillance was installed on November 8, 1963, and was discontinued on April 30, 1965.

This information has been furnished the Vice President and the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 6/16/69, captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Security Matter - Communist," prepared by TJD:fsh.

Classified "Top Secret" because of sensitive nature of the information contained therein, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in exceptionally grave damage to the national security.